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Congressmen today. No press release planned. In event questions a

response will be along lines letter and post will be informed.

Dear (Senator Fulbright, Congressman Morgan, Fascell, Roger

The Department wishes to inform you of the actions taken under Fascell-Rogers amendment (Section 620 (a)(3) to the Foreign Assista

Act.

All governments receiving United States aid which could be affected by this statute were informed of its provisions shortly after the passage of the Foreign Assistance Act in December. As you know, the legislation provides that with certain exceptions no funds available under the Act shall be used to furnish assistance to any country that has not taken appropriate steps by February 14 to prevent its ships and aircraft from carrying any equipment, materials or commodities to and from Cuba These provisions are subject to the exercise by the President of his special authority under Section 614 (a).

We have concluded that, except for the Governments of the United Kingdom, France, Yugoslavia, Spain and Morocco, all aid-recipient

governments

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governments which could be affected by the statute had taken "appropriate steps" by February 14.

With respect to the United Kingdom, France and Yugoslavia, the very small residual military training and sales arrangements involved are being terminated.

With respect to Spain and Morocco, we are seeking from the two governments further clarification of the steps which they have taken, in order to establish whether they are "appropriate" within the meaning of the statute.

Meanwhile, except as authorized by Section 617 of the statute, no new obligations of funds authorized under the FAA are being entered into.

The Department will of course keep you informed of further developments in the execution of this section of the law and would hope that an early meeting with interested members of your committee can be arranged to discuss the matter in more detail

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